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SUBJECT: ISRAELI HARASSMENT OF AMOCO DRILLING OPERATIONS

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1. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH (2200 LOCAL) WITH ROSS CRAIG OF AMOCO WHO ELABORATED ON REPORT PARA 1 REFTEL AS FOLLOWS.

2. AT ABOUT 1430 LOCAL ISRAELI REFUELING VESSEL REFUELED ISRAELI GUNBOATS. HALF HOUR LATER ISRAELI GUNBOATS AGAIN CAME OUT AND BEGAN SHOOTING UP THE BUOYS AROUND PLATFORM 6. ACCORDING TO CRAIG, PLATFORM 6 IS ABOUT ON MEDIAN LINE AND BUOYS ARE ABOUT 1800 TO 2500 FEET AWAY FROM PLATFORM AND MARK ANCHORS. ISRAELI GUNBOATS ALSO SHOT UP BUOY AT 304.1 SITE AND AMOCO HAS THIS CONFIRMED BY ONE OF ITS PEOPLE WHO JUST CAME INTO CAIRO FROM AREA.

3. AMOCO DOES NOT RPT NOT KNOW HOW MANY BUOYS ISRAELIS HIT. SEAS ARE HEAVY AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO TELL. HOWEVER, RICOCHETTING OF BULLETS GREATLY ALARMED PEOPLE ON PLATFORM, WHICH PROMOTED AMOCO TO EVACUATE MOST OF CREW OF PLATFORM 6 (RIG 28) AND OF ESTRALITA ON RAMADAN 5 PLATFORM, LOCATED ABOUT 1500 FEET WEST OF PLATFORM 6.

FIVE PEOPLE WERE LEFT ABOARD PLAFORM AND 12 ON ESTRALITA. AMOCO WAS ALSO PREPARING EVACUATE PEOPLE FROM TWO OTHER PLATFORM RIGS

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GENERAL AREA, BUT ULTIMATLY DECIDED NOT TO DO SO WHEN ISRAELI  
FIRING STOPPPED.

4. ALTHOUGH EGYPTIAN GUNBOATS WERE IN RAS SHUKAIR WHEN ISRAELIS  
STARTED FIRING, THEY SUBSEQUENTLY MADE TWO SORTIES INTO  
AREA BETWEEN 1500 AND 1800. AMOCO WORKED ON MINPET HILAL TO  
GET EGYPTIAN GUNBOATS WITHDRAWN AND LAST ONE LEFT AREA  
AROUND 1800 LOCAL. AT PRESENT ALL IS QUIET.

5. CRAIG SAYS AMOCO HAS DECIDED NOT RPT NOT TO SEND MARINER BACK  
TO 304.1 FOR TIME BEING. INSTEAD, WITH HILAL'S APPROVAL, MARINER WILL

OPERATE IN JULY 25 FIELD. AMOCO WANTS TO LET SITUATION COOL FOR  
A FEW DAYS TO DETERMINE WHAT CAN BE WORKED OUT.

6. MY EFFORTS CONTACT GAMASY THIS EVENING HAVE THUS  
FAR BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. HE IS NOT AT HOME OR IN HIS OFFICE.  
WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS CONTACT HIM.  
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